

approached another ancient bridge that wasn't too sturdy. We left the motor coach and walked across -- the motor coach followed behind us.

The village of Boltigen is the original home of the Eschler family. The Church burned down a hundred years ago, destroying all the records. This is the church where Grandma Eschler, Gottfried, Carrie and all the Eschlers were christened and married. All that was left of the Eschler home was a few boards attached to a dilapidated barn. There were several cows with hugh bells around their necks grazing in the meadow. We were impressed with the surrounding beauty of this area and the special love we have for the Eschler family. We took pictures of the Eschler descendants as they gathered souvenirs of moss-covered rocks and wood. Then, we traveled back over the ancient bridge -- cautiously. Our next stop was the village of Zweisimmen where we enjoyed our lunch sitting on a bench in the Village Square. It was a warm and pleasant fall day. The bees were buzzing around and one stung LeGrand. As we walked through the Village, a man came out of the bank and played an Alp Horn. It was a beautiful, but mournful sound. This was the first time we heard the Alp Horn played in Switzerland. We saw beautiful silhouettes framed for sale. We shopped for souvenirs, walked past the homes, with flowers and vegetable gardens in the front yards, to the village train station, watched the passengers get off the train and the train switch tracks preparing for another run. As we walked back through the shopping area, a man came out of the bank and played a mournful tune on the Alp Horn. An interested crowd soon gathered. It must take strong lungs for anyone to play this native instrument. The musician returned to the bank for a short rest and came back, to the delight of the crowd and played again. Returning to the bus, we continued our travels to the Blankenburg Castle. We walked up the steps to the courtyard. The Lord Bailliff of Blankenburg was Johannes Ross in 1452 to 1455. He and his wife, Christine Hetzel Von Lindenach, were the parents